Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17 TO APRIL 21, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Consumer Price Index	March			
Alberta	115.8	1.0%	3.5%	Alberta's CPI rose by 1.0% from February and was up 3.5% from March 1999. Without the volatile energy component, inflation in Alberta was a more reasonable 0.3% in March and 2.3% on a year over year basis. Canada's CPI excluding energy rose 1.4% over the last 12 months.
Canada	112.8	0.7%	3.0%	
Canadian Composite Leading Index (1992=100)	March 160.1	1.1%	7.9%	The Canadian leading economic indicator has not had a negative month since August of 1995. Since the beginning, of the year the main source of growth is the continued strength in household demand.
New Motor Vehicle Sales (S.A.)	February			
Alberta	13,523	-2.0%	10.3%	Alberta's new motor vehicle sales fell by 2.0% in February. February sales fell in every province except Manitoba. Alberta sales are up 10.3% compared to February 1999 while national sales are up 6.9%.
Canada	126,593	-4.4%	8.7%	